

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT

July 22, 2008

The Union County Fiscal Court met in regular session with the Honorable Jody Jenkins presiding. Magistrates present were Floyd, Voss, Wells, and Clements.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by Magistrate Joe Clements and the pledge to the American Flag.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by the court. A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting was made by Magistrate Voss, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Sheriff, Mike Thompson, presented to the court the settlement for the collection of the 2007 Property Taxes and the collection of the 2007 Oil Taxes for all taxing districts in Union County. A motion to accept this settlement pending audit was made by Magistrate Wells, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge Jenkins presented to the court the permissible tax rates for 2008. The compensating rate for 2008 is 10.7 and the 4% Increased rate is 11.1. A motion to set the compensating rate of 10.7 was made by Judge Jenkins, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Wells made a motion to accept the 2007-08 Statement of Assets, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wells made a motion to accept the June, 2008 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wells made a motion to accept the 4th quarter Financial Statements seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wells reported that the breakfast held by Alliance Coal on Tuesday, July 8 was a great success. He spoke of the positive economic impact this company will have on Union County with the over 600 jobs the company will provide. Also, he reported the large number who attended the breakfast for Lt. Governor Mongiardo's visit to Union County and his interest in Adventure Tourism.

Judge Jenkins reported that the Union County Ambulance Service was still operating under extended agreement with the Methodist Hospital Union County.

Judge Jenkins stated that Alliance Coal would be moving some 290 workers back to the River View Mines in Union County and with the cost of fuel at \$4.00 per gallon and the 2 hour driving time many workers had to make daily, the positive impact working within minutes of their place of employment was good for those workers. Also the extra time not spent on the road would allow for more family time and spending their earning dollars in Union County.

County Attorney, Brucie Moore, reported to the court that she was serving with Mrs. Jane Beshear on Horses and Hope, breast cancer awareness day at Ellis Park on August 16.

Ms. Betsy Shouse gave her opinion on the use of the proposed purchasing of the Todd Furniture building. Her thought were to use the building for office space, expanded office space for county employees or perhaps housing of the ambulance service. Judge Jenkins informed her that every possible option would be fully considered before any decision was made on the use of this property. To date the purchase has not been completed.

Judge Jenkins made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Wells made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the court, a motion to adjourn was made by Magistrate Clements, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Fiscal Court Clerk
Vicki V. O’Nan

JODY L. JENKINS
County Judge/Executive